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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH

ANNUAL SESSION

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Roaring River

Primitive Baptist Association

— held with —

THE CHURCH AT

MEADOW FORK

Friday, Saturday and Sunday,

September 22, 23, 24,

1950

The next session appointed to be held with the church at Cross Roads, 6 miles north on highway 18 from North Wilkesboro, N. C., beginning before the fourth Sunday in September, 1951.

Officers

ELDER C. D. HALL - Moderator, Halls Mills, N. C.
ELDER A. T. WHITTINGTON - Clerk, N. Wilkesboro, N. C.

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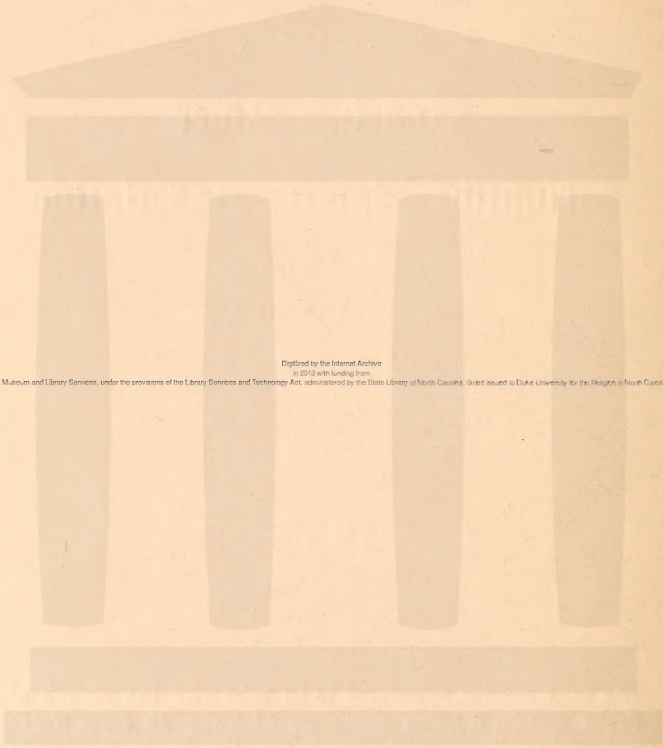

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Proceedings

OF THE ROARING RIVER ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1950.

1. The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year. Song and prayer by Elder D. P. Broadway. Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder C. D. Hall, text Titus 1:2.

2. After one hour intermission, the messengers assembled in the church house, and were called to order by praise and prayer by Elder D. C. Stover, visitor from the Indian Creek Association.

3. Read and received letters from Reddies River, Woodruff, Double Creek, Mulberry, Cross Roads, and Meadow Fork.

4. On motion, we elected Moderator and Clerk by move and second.

5. Organized the Association by electing Elder C. D. Hall, Moderator, and Elder A. T. Whittington, Clerk.

6. Called for petitionary letters. None came forward.

7. On motion we omit reading the Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith.

8. On motion, the Moderator make all temporary appointments for this session.

9. Called for correspondents. The following came forward and were received:

Abbott's Creek—Elder D. P. Broadway, Brother C. B. Owens.
Fisher's River—Elder George Berrier.
Mountain—Brother J. H. Stamper.
Senter—Brother Floyd Miller, Brother F. G. Weaver.
St. Clair's Bottom—Elder C. R. Dancy.
Upper Mayo—
Washington—Brother Hall Hankins.

10. Called for visiting brethren and sisters. The following came forward and were received:

Abbott's Creek—Sister Mrs. D. P. Broadway, Sister Mrs. C. B. Owens.
Fisher's River—Sister N. L. Berrier.
Mountain—Brother C. G. Fender, Sister Mrs. J. H. Stamper, Sister Lon M. Reaves, Sister Zema Smith, Sister Clure Smith.
Senter—Brother F. O. Thompson, Sister Taylor Miller, Margaret Cockerham, Mrs. F. T. Weaver.
St. Clair's Bottom—Elder H. M. Blevins, Brother W. M. Johnson and wife, Sister C. R. Dancy, Brother James None, Sister Allie Baxter.
Upper Mayo—Elder Jack Martin.
Washington—
Indian Creek—Elder D. C. Stover, Sisters Francis Agee and Freadie Stover.

11. On motion we extend the right hand of fellowship to correspondents and visitors and seat them.

12. Called on correspondents, who were to go to sister Associations to report. They reported and those who failed to go were excused.

13. Called for volunteers to go to sister Associations:
Abbott's Creek—To be held with the church at White Oak Springs

on U. S. 220, 2 miles north of Star, N. C. Elders C. D. Hall, A. T. Whittington.

Fisher's River—To be held with the church at Volunteer, about 2 miles out on U. S. 52, east of Pilot Mountain, turn left, then about 2 miles. W. C. Hall, Troy Miller, John Choate.

Mountain—To be held with the church at Rock Creek, 4 miles east of Independence, Virginia, just off U. S. 58. Deacon Elgin Choate,Brother John Choate, Deacon Fosco Pruitt.

Senter—To be held with the church at Roan's Creek, about 4 miles west of Laurel Springs, N. C., on highway N. C. 88. Elder C. D. Hall, Fosco Pruitt, Troy Miller.

St. Clair's Bottom—To be held with the church at Tumbling Creek, Virginia, before the third Sunday in September, 1951. Elder C. D. Hall, Deacon W. C. Hall.

Upper Mayo—To be held with the church at Cedar Falls in Stokes County, N. C., 5 miles north of Danbury west on highway 89, Friday before the third Sunday in May, 1951. Elder C. D. Hall, Deacon J. F. Coffey.

Washington—To be held with the church, Fletcher's Ridge, 15 miles west of Richland, Va., turn left at Gordon Creek, and follow signs.

14. The Moderator appointed to the stand today: Elder George Berrier and Elder Jack Martin.

15. Appointed a Committee on Preaching composed of one member from each church: Sister Nettie Brown, W. C. Hall, Fosco Pruitt, Sister Ira Shoemake, John Choate, Sister Lillie Whittington.

16. Appointed a Committee on Finance as follows: Brother D. C. Long, J. F. Coffey, D. L. Church.

17. Appointed a Committee on Arrangements as follows: Deacon J. F. Coffey, D. C. Long, Sister Truitt, Elgin Choate, D. F. Whittington, D. L. Church.

18. Called on Committee on Preaching who reported:
Saturday morning, Elders D. C. Stover, D. P. Broadway, H. M. Blevins.

19. On motion we read the Minutes.

20. On motion, we adjourn until 9:30 tomorrow morning. Prayer by H. M. Blevins, visitor from St. Clair's Bottom Association.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 23, 1950.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday. Called to order by praise and prayer by Elder J. G. Fulk, correspondent from the Fisher's River Association.

1. On motion, called on Committee on Arrangements to report. Report received and Committee discharged.

2. Called the roll and marked those absent.

3. Called on the Clerk to report. Reported work up to date.

4. Called on Finance Committee to report. Their report follows:

Received from all the churches	$79.25
Left over from last year	14.00
Total	$93.25

Allowed Moderator	$10.00
Allowed Clerk	10.00
Allowed visiting Elders	23.25
Left in hands of Clerk	50.00
Total	$93.25

5. Called for correspondents who were not here yesterday. The following came forward and were received:

Abbott's Creek—E. F. Yarber, Brother G. E. Nance, Elder W. C. McMillon.

Fisher's River—Elder J. G. Fulk, Brother J. M. Edward.

Mountain—Brother Jack Reaves.

Senter—G. E. Kilby.

St. Clair's Bottom—

Upper Mayo—Elder J. W. Tuttle.

Washington—

6. Called for visiting brethren and sisters who were not here yesterday. The following came forward and were received:

Abbott's Creek—Sister Mrs. Joe Nance, Sister E. F. Yarber, L. H. Efford and wife.

Fisher's River—Sister Marion, Mrs. J. M. Edwards, Mrs. J. G. Fulk.

Mountain—Elder Charlie Kilby and wife, Brother Willion Cleary, Robert Cleary, Luther Smith, Brother Glen Smith, Mrs. Cleave Gambill, Rosco Williams and wife, Elder Coy Roberts, Elder Steve Roberts.

Senter—Brother H. M. Bare, G. O. Blevins and wife, Elder Ed. Davis, Sisters Mrs. G. E. Kilby, Mrs. Ed. Severts, Bro. Collie Severts and wife.

St. Clair's Bottom—Sister Mrs. R. C. Price, Mrs. W. C. Walton.

Upper Mayo—Elder S. E. Martin, Mrs. J. W. Tuttle.

Washington—

Indian Creek—Elder C. B. D. Taylor, Bro. Luther Easter and wife.

7. On motion, we extend the right hand of fellowship to correspondents and visitors, and seat them.

8. Called on Committee on Preaching to report, who reported for Saturday evening: Elder C. B. Kilby, Elder S. E. Martin, Elder J. M. Edwards; Saturday night at Mulberry Church: Elders C. B. Taylor, Coy Roberts; Saturday night at Brother Fosco Pruitt's: Elder W. C. McMillon; Sunday: Elders Stevie Roberts, J. G. Fulk, C. R. Dancy. J. W. Tuttle, Ed. Davis.

9. On motion we received the report of the Preaching Committee and dismiss them.

10. On motion we have the Obituaries of Sister Dossie Johnson Crouse, Brother John Cox, Sister R. C. Cockerham printed in these Minutes.

11. On motion, we stand by the ancient landmark set up by Christ and the apostles and the old original Articles of Faith of the Roaring River Association as carried in our Minutes.

12. On motion, we appoint A. T. Whittington to supervise the printing of these Minutes; have 500 copies printed and distributed as usual.

13. On motion, the next Association be held with the church at Cross Roads.

14. On motion we omit having the Constitution and Rules of Decorum printed in these Minutes.

15. On motion we have the Articles of Faith printed in our Minutes

continually.

16. On motion we read the Minutes.

17. Resolved that we return thanks, first to God for His mercies, and thank our brethren and sisters and friends for so lovingly aand tenderly caring for this session.

19. On motion we adjourn. Prayer by A. T. Whittington.

ELDER C. D. HALL, Moderator,
ELDER A. T. WHITTINGTON, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday:

1—Elder George Berrier, no special text.
2—Elder Jack Martin, no special text.

Saturday:

1—Elder D. C. Stover, Failed to get text.
2—Elder D. P. Broadway, failed to get text.
3—Elder H. M. Blevins, failed to get text.
4—Elder C. B. Kilby, Psa. 88.
5—Elder S. E. Martin, no special text.
6—Elder J. M. Edwards, no special text.

Saturday Night at Mulberry Church:

1—Elder C. B. D. Taylor, Rev. 21:18.
2—Elder Coy Roberts, Esther 5:8.

Saturday Night at Brother Fosco Pruitt's:

Elder W. C. McMillon, Acts 2:41.

Sunday:

1—Elder S. P. Roberts, no special text.
2—Elder J. G. Fulk, John 6:37.
3—Elder C. R. Dancy, Psa. 47.
4—Elder J. W. Tuttle, no special text.
5—Elder Ed. Davis, Isa. 45:17.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Elder C. D. Hall, Halls Mills, N. C.
Elder A. T. Whittington, North Wilksboro, N. C.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

Cross Roads—Nettie Brown, Rt. 1, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina.
Reddies River—Dollie Whittington, Reddies River, North Carolina.
Mulberry—Nora Hall, Halls Mills, North Carolina.
Woodruff—J. T. Choate, Glade Valley, North Carolina.
Meadow Fork—Mary Hall, Halls Mills, North Carolina.
Double Creek—Margie Pruitt, Abshers, North Carolina.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Meadow Fork—Elders C. D. Hall, and A. T. Whittington.
Double Creek—Elders C. D. Hall and A. T. Whittington.
Woodruff—Elders C. D. Hall and M. K. Cook.
Mulberry—Elders C. D. Hall and A. T. Whittington.
Reddies River—Elder C. D. Hall.
Cross Roads—Elders C. D. Hall and A. T. Whitington.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Abbott's Creek—T. R. Freeman, Steeds, N. C. 15
Fisher's River—G. J. Key, Ararat, N. C. 30
Senter—W. W. Miller, Clifton, N. C. 15
Mountain—Arthur Gambill, Sparta, N. C. 30
St. Clair's Bottom—Elder C. N. Tilson, Chilhowie, Va. 15
Upper Mayo—J. W. Moorefield, Star Rt. Walnut Cove, N. C. 30
Washington—M. C. Sutherland, Haysi, Va. 30
Indian Creek—J. R. Lilly, Box 136, Hinton, W. Va. 30

—OBITUARIES OF—

JOHN COX

John Cox was born January 31, 1866, and departed this life February 13, 1950, making his stay on earth 84 years, 13 days. He was the son of Nancy Brown and Isom Cox. He was married to Alice Baker on August 6, 1894. To this union were born seven children: Frank Cox, of Laurel Springs; George Curtis Cox, of Idaho; Mrs. Fielder Johnson, of Hays, N. C.; Mrs. J. J. Williams of Laurel Springs, and Miss Clyde Cox of Washington, D. C.. Also four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. One sister, Mrs. Alice Osborne.

He joined the Meadow Fork Primitive Baptist Church October 12, 1940, and was a faithful member as long as health permitted him. In his life here he stood for the good, and for the right in all his dealings, and was a friend to all who came to him for help or advice.

His life from his sweet hope in Christ was an example to his family, his friends and his neighbors. All who knew him would do well to follow in his orderly footsteps.

He often said in his last days that he was ready to die and was awaiting his summons. He died at peace with God and with man.

Written by his unworthy pastor, Elder Allen Whittington.

MRS. R. C. COCKERHAM

Mrs. R. C. Cockerham was born July 27, 1863 and departed this life August 28, 1950, making her stay on earth 87 years, 1 month and 1 day. She was married to Ransom Curtis Cockerham July 27, 1878.

They were united here on earth 40 years. Her husband passed away January 1, 1919. She is survived by three girls and one son: Lessie Craven; Amah Lowe; Esther Miller; Conrad Cockerham. They will miss her very much. She was a faithful and loving wife and mother. She was a faithful member of the Primitive Baptist Church as long as her health would permit, for about 60 years. She had faith in prayer, and prayed daily for the Lord's will to be done. She went off in a peaceful sleep. The night before she died, in a dream, she went to the most beautiful place. She was so happy she didn't want to come back, but she had for a short while. A month or so before her death she saw the river of Jordan and she was laying on the bank and there were two of her. One was a natural body, and one a spiritual body. The pebbles in the river were as clear as crystals, and she wanted to cross on over, but she had to return.

She had many wonderful experiences, and sweet blessings here on earth.

So sleep on Mother until that grand Morning.

Written by her children .

MRS. DOSSIE JOHNSON CROUSE

Mrs. Dossie Johnson Crouse was born May 18, 1867, died March 4, 1950, age 82 years, 9 months, 4 days. She was married to J. M. Johnson in 1885. To this union were born 10 children. Her husband and 6 children preceded her in death. She joined the church at Mulberry October, 1906 and was baptised with her husband. She later was married to Elder J. M. Crouse, who also preceded her in death. She was seriously sick only two days, and fell asleep leaving 4 children, 39 grandchildren, and one sister to mourn their loss, and a host of friends. She will be missed by her church and all who knew her.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.

2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments (as recorded in the authorized King James version) are the words of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

6. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Spirit; and that all who are thus regenerated and

sanctified by the Holy Spirit, or born again by the spirit of God, shall never finally fall away.

7. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the subjects of these ordinances; and we believe the only true mode of baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment; and that the joys of the rightous and the torment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances except as is regularly called and comes under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Communion	Sat. of Meeting	Rec'd by Ex. & B	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Members	Contribution
Reddies River	A. T. Whittington, D. F. Whittington, Lillie Whittington	June	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	14	$13.00
Woodruff	John Choate, Elgin Choate, Marie Choate	July	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	9	10.00
Double Creek	Margie Truitt, Ira Shoemake	July	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	6.00
Mulberry	J. F. Coffey, W. C. Hall, Elder C. D. Hall	Aug.	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	17	25.25
Meadow Fork	D. C. Long, Fosco Pruitt, Grover Taylor	Aug.	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	25	8.00
Cross Roads	D. L. Church, Nettie Brown	July	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	6	17.00
	Totals		..	4	..	1	..	..	3	75	$79.25